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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand following the weekend was mostly slow to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light and usually limited to immediate needs. Dark meat was in the best position with supplies sufficient to tight. Breast items were adequate to ample with tenders closer balanced, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 21-FEB-2005.

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New Eng	65.00-72.00	69.00	9	68.58	30
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.56	41	68.35	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			69.30	25
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	79.25	16
Detroit	67.00-68.00	68.40	10	70.24	45
Los Angeles	80.00	79.08	64	75.47	149
New York	67.00-70.00	69.71	24	68.00	58
Philadelphia	67.50-69.00	68.17	12	67.23	24
Pittsburgh	68.00-70.00	68.67	12	70.83	59
St. Louis	65.75-66.00	65.59	21	66.23	32
San Francisco	80.50	80.34	34	81.83	57

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	02/21/05	Change/Last Wk	02/14/05	02/23/04
567	71.47	.10	71.37	75.09

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	69.50-71.00	71.26	33
Central	62.00-73.00	70.19	63
Western	67.00-76.00	74.35	33

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	73.00-75.00	73.39	88
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,120	63.00-74.25	72.67

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50	1,431
BREASTS - B/S	151.00	6,033
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00	1,490
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	1,130
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,749
WINGS	120.50	3,097

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best following the holiday weekend. Offerings were more than sufficient for seasonally lackluster demand. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear, thighs and boneless skinless thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were available. Other items were at least adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was slow to moderate with trading mixed and usually hand to mouth. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat was in the best position with offerings sufficient to well cleared. Wings were readily available, and breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone mixed with trading reported at unchanged prices for regular commitments and generally higher on new negotiations. Offerings adequate for trade needs. Buying activity increased to cover feature activities. Retailer demand was moderate best to cover ads in progress or planned later in the week. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was mixed on parts with white meat items steady to weak and dark meat items steady to firm. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 33-37 bulk and 4/10s 36-39.5, boneless leg meat mid 80s, boneless thigh meat high 90s, breast bone-in 91-105 and boneless 135-148, wings 117-123.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 68.09 up 4.10 with the volume reported at 25 loads down 7 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady. Very light offerings noted on smaller birds, larger sizes were light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with fairly good movement reported into some Ohio restaurants. Floor stocks were in close balance; weights mostly desirable. Current commitments were sufficient on parts with light call noted. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on leg cuts and tenderloins; cautiously steady to weak on boneless/skinless breasts and wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for prompt shipment as many buyers opted to keep receipts in close balance with immediate needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 02/19/2005 WAS 10,997,433 @ 5.48 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	02/22/2005	02/21/2005
RANGE	64-87	67-84
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	71.98	72.50
NO. OF BOXES	8,233	10,331

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair as dealers were selective and limited orders to immediate needs. Offerings of breast items remained readily available competitively priced. Tenderloins were well cleared. Dark meat cuts were sufficient, and clearing. Wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breast and whole breast; tenders were at least steady. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

Tuesday, Feb 22, 2005	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140-145	143.26	694,520
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.26	223,913
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	84.88	168,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.05	131,600
LEGS	44-45	42.66	229,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.22	524,657
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	38.48	142,280
THIGHS	37-38	46.70	46,800
B/S THIGHS	96-97	93.24	94,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	114-115	124.02	81,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.31	11,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.73	11,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	62.96	27,000

Monday, Feb 21, 2005	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING	AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		140.82	511,080
TENDERLOINS		143.98	82,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS		90.56	63,960
BREAST - LINE RUN		82.41	88,200
LEGS		43.09	224,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		31.95	261,800
DRUMSTICKS		40.86	64,680
THIGHS		42.95	40,960
B/S THIGHS		97.56	44,080
WINGS (WHOLE)		124.50	99,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		11.85	11,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30.15	12,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		64.45	16,400

INCLUDES: NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PAKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,460	122.00-150.00	136-146	140.13
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	800	28.00-29.00	-	28.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,160	30.00-31.00	-	30.86
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,680	34.00-37.00	35-36	35.69

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PAKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	645	130.00-210.00	133-138	136.45
TENDERLOINS	198	142.00-170.00	145-149	148.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	82.00-89.00	84-85	84.95
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	39.00-51.00	40-41	41.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	28.00-32.00	29-30	29.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	956	30.00-36.00	31	31.23
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	90.00-120.00	112-115	112.03
WINGS (CUT)	515	105.00-137.00	130-134	131.49
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	80	89.00-97.00	92-94	93.50

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR FEB 22, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
50.50 - 55.50	52.21

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 21-25-FEB-2005

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	124.00 - 159.00	142.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	83.00 - 112.00	86.00 - 88.00
LEGS	40.00 - 48.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 41.00	31.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	36.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	91.00 - 128.00	117.00 - 119.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	02/21	02/17	02/17	02/14	02/10
Alabama	3,750	3,943	5.13	3,910	5.11
Arkansas	5,401	5,215	4.93	5,297	5.05
Delmarva	2,210	2,200	5.35	2,221	5.37
KY-LA-TN	2,138	2,145	5.03	2,088	4.99
Mississippi	3,010	2,894	5.54	2,998	5.40
North Carolina	2,341	2,501	6.40	2,419	6.37
Texas	2,380	2,389	5.18	2,427	5.34
Total	21,230	21,287	5.30	21,360	5.32
Mon	21,230(A)			21,360(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Feb 2005 is estimated to be 31,762,000 down 0.91 percent from a week ago. and up 1.8 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,053,000 last year 31,187,000)

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25	18.75-22.00	420,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	20.38		

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.50	14.00-23.00	3,668,000	2,028,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.92	18.23		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate offerings. Processing schedules noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.19
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.25-98.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.75-101.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	

RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-108
	ICE PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	89-95
	ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS		180-192

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	21.00-23.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		21.80		

15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-19.50	12.500-24.00	1,934,400	840,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.10	18.22		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	20.50-21.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.75		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15.25	11.5-12.75	11.97

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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